Mrs. Bobby Baker Runs Internal Security Office

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The wife of former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker is the office manager of the Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee. Senate records show that as of the end of last year, Mrs. Baker was earning 1,546.66 a month.

Baker's home was used in 1969 to store the proceeds of a burglary ring, according to a government charge made on Thursday. The names of both Baker and his wife, Dorothy C. Baker, of 5115 Van Ness St. NW, appeared on a list of 75 witnesses read to a grand jury here as possible witnesses or people who would figure prominently in the case.

Prosecutors said Baker, now in prison as a result of a 1967 conviction for tax evasion and other matters unrelated to the present case, purchased some of the goods stolen by the burglary ring. Other materials reportedly were recovered from a bomb shelter in the basement of the Van Ness Street home.

Neither Baker nor his wife have been charged in connection with the present case.

According to Senate records, Mrs. Baker has been employed by the Internal Security Subcommittee since it was set up in January, 1951. At that time, she was listed as a stenographer at $418.61 a month.

The Subcommittee handles sensitive and classified materials and Senate aides said she no doubt had access to such materials in her job. "We all have access to classified materials to a certain extent," said one. Another Senate source said everyone who works on Internal Security has to be cleared. "I had to fill out a clearance form when my boss was appointed to the Subcommittee," said one.

Asked if the new allegations involving the Baker home would affect Mrs. Baker's position, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) said, "The matter is being looked into to determine what the facts are."

J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel to the Subcommittee, said, "She has earned every promotion she ever got, discharged all her duties satisfactorily and there is no evidence she has ever breached security in any way whatsoever."